

New Armoury for the 35 Combat Engineer Regiment

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The first shovelfuls of earth were turned during a ceremony marking the official start of construction work on the new 35 Combat Engineer Regiment Armoury in Sainte-Foy on May 9.

The project to construct the 4,000-m² building on Hochelaga Boulevard is part of Department of National Defence plans to modernize its infrastructure. The estimated \$22-million project will give the Regiment the space and facilities it needs to train and conduct its operations more efficiently. “The reservists are vitally important for meeting Canadian Armed Forces operational requirements. This project demonstrates the government’s commitment to supporting the Reserve Force by providing it with safe, modern facilities where they can live, work and train,” said Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence.

Benefits for the local community

The work will create about 50 jobs, which Jean-Yves Duclos, federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, views positively: “This project will provide the Quebec City Reserve Force with the modern, functional facilities that it needs. It will also help boost the local economy and encourage job creation in the Quebec City area.” In addition, the Armoury will be built in such a way as to preserve the future Sainte-Foy residential district.

A responsible choice

An objective in constructing this building is to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification. LEED is a rating system developed by a non-profit organization to reduce the impact on the environment of buildings constructed in Quebec, as well as the harmful effects they may cause to the people who live and work in them.

The objectives to be achieved in order to obtain this certification are a reduction in energy consumption of at least 35% and the use of local, natural materials. In addition, the construction of the Armoury will help to modernize the district. “This investment represents a welcome, long-term consolidation of CAF operations in the Louis-Hébert riding. The project will help to revitalize this area,” said Joël Lightbound, Member of Parliament for the riding of Louis-Hébert.

Construction is expected to begin this summer after the demolition work is completed in late May. The entire project is expected to take a total of 18 months; so the new Armoury may open in the summer of 2018.



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